

The primary purpose of the Rural Program is to enhance the safety of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and child victimization by supporting projects uniquely designed to address and prevent these crimes in rural jurisdictions. OVW welcomes applications that propose innovative solutions for achieving this goal. The Rural Program challenges victim advocates, law enforcement officers, pre-trial service personnel, prosecutors, judges and other court personnel, probation and parole officers, and faith- and/or community-based leaders to collaborate to overcome the problem of domestic violence, dating violence and child victimization and to ensure that victim safety is paramount in providing services to victims and their children.

ONLY APPLICANTS serving RURAL COMMUNITIES will be considered for funding (a total of 19 eligible RURAL states listed in Appendix A): State governments, County governments, City or township governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education.

Funding Levels: \$500,000 for applicants serving fewer than five (5) rural counties
 \$900,000 for applicants serving five (5) or more rural counties

Letter of Intent (non-binding): Dec 8, 2005

Deadline for Applications: Jan 12, 2006